

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A guide wire for MR diagnostic and therapeutic procedures consisting essentially of a core wire and a non-metallic coil wire, the core wire having distal, medial and proximal segments, the core wire having a tapered segment between the medial segment and the distal segment, and substantially comprising consisting essentially of a non-metallic, non-braided, non-woven, polymeric material[[.]], the core wire being monofilament and substantially solid in cross-section throughout its entire length; the coil wire being substantially disposed around at least the distal segment of the core wire and being attached thereto.
2. (Original) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire distal segment has a diameter which is less than that of the core wire medial and proximal segments.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire has a polymeric coating thereon which covers substantially the entire length of the core wire.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire further comprises a taper which couples the medial segment and the distal segment and wherein substantially the entire core wire is covered with a polymeric material.
7. (Original) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire comprises a polymeric material.

8. (Original) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire comprises a polymeric material and the core wire is substantially completely covered with a second polymeric material.

9. (Original) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the distal segment of the core wire has a diameter which is less than that of the medial segment.

10. (Cancelled)

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29. (Cancelled)
30. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire comprises a camber-resistant, polymeric material.
31. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire comprises polyetherether ketone.
32. (New) A guide wire according to claim 31 wherein the core wire consists essentially of polyetherether ketone having randomly distributed glass fiber segments therein.
33. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the coil wire consists essentially of polyetherimide.
34. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the coil wire consists essentially of polyethersulfone.
35. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire consists essentially of carbon fibers held together by a resin.
36. (New) A guide wire according to claim 35 wherein the resin is a vinylester resin.
37. (New) A guide wire according to claim 35 wherein the carbon fiber is helically-wound.
38. (New) A guidewire according to claim 1 wherein the coil wire is disposed around the entire length of the core wire.
39. (New) A guide wire according to claim 1 wherein the core wire consists essentially of polyetherether ketone and the coil wire consists essentially of polyetherimide.
40. (New) A guide wire according to claim 39 wherein the core wire is PEEK and the coil wire is polyetherimide.